

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN BILL THOMAS**, on February 25, 2003 at 3:30 P.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bill Thomas, Chairman (R)
Rep. Arlene Becker, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Mark Noennig, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Tom Facey (D)
Rep. Steven Gallus (D)
Rep. Ray Hawk (R)
Rep. Daniel S. Hurwitz (R)
Rep. Larry Jent (D)
Rep. Penny Morgan (R)
Rep. Don Roberts (R)
Rep. Ron Stoker (R)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Holly Raser (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Susan Fox, Legislative Branch
CJ Johnson, Committee Secretary

Please Note. These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:
Executive Action: HB 260

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 260

REP. DICK HAINES, HD 63, informed the Committee that there are too many issues concerning this bill such as financial and ethical. He said if the bill is left on the table there would probably be a lawsuit over this.

Discussion:

REP. FACEY said that maybe this could be amended to allow all transplants. He said if the Department wants to protect it, they need to come up with an amendment.

REP. HAINES informed the Committee that there will be a lawsuit if it is okay to have a heart transplant, but deny a kidney transplant.

REP. JENT said there is unnecessary and irrational behavior going on. He stated his ill-will that the Doctor from DPHHS came in before the Committee stating that a kidney transplant is unethical, but a heart transplant is ethical.

REP. STOKER said the Department has been fighting this issue since 1993.

Motion: **REP. GALLUS** moved **TO TAKE HB 260 OFF OF THE TABLE**. The motion failed.

CHAIRMAN THOMAS closed.

This meeting was held in the ante room off of the floor of the house. It wasn't recorded due to the time constraint of handling this bill for transmittal purposes, and a room wasn't available.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:00 P.M.

REP. BILL THOMAS, Chairman

CJ JOHNSON, Secretary

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